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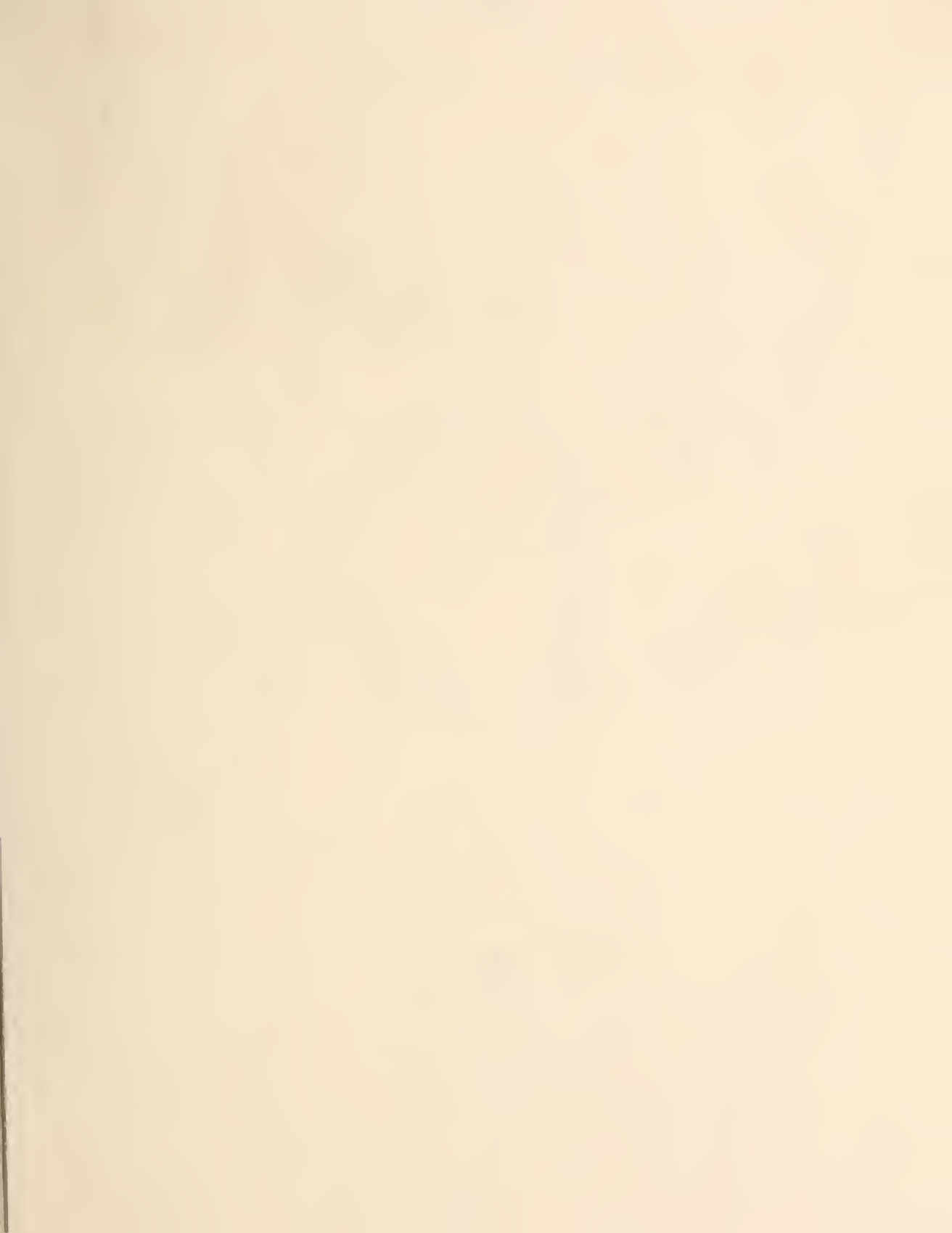
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THE committee to award THE BURR PRIZE will be composed of Messrs. R. M. Wilcox, J. P. Brooks and F. R. Coates. It has been decided best not to announce the nature of the prize as yet.

IN parting with Mr. Congdon, the University will suffer the loss of one of its most faithful instructors, who has been exceedingly liked and respected by all who have come in contact with him. While we regret that Mr. Congdon is shortly to leave, we wish to congratulate him on the advancement which he has made in his profession and are sure that he will ably fill the position he has accepted.

WITHIN the next fortnight the nine is scheduled to play three games. To the new players especially these will be important, as they will go far to decide who will secure a place on the nine. To the college in general the games will indicate to a certain extent the character of our present team, a

matter in which all are interested. Every one who can should go to the first game, to mark by a large attendance the opening of a season that we all believe will be a most auspicious one.

LAST Spring we remarked with dismay that nearly all the athletes were members of the graduating class, and the question naturally arose as to the fate of track athletics this year. Fortunately the unknown quantity, the Freshman Class, has demonstrated the value of its athletic material, and is preparing to fill the gap left by the departure of 'Ninety. Both at Lafayette and in our own Winter Meeting, 'Ninety-Four has been victorious, and if the end is foreshadowed by the beginning, the class will have occasion to be proud of its record. THE BURR wishes to congratulate it upon being the first Freshman Class, in a number of years, to win the Winter Meeting.

WE wish to congratulate the officers of the Athletic Association upon two important steps they have decided upon, the skinning of the base-ball diamond and the improvement of the running track. The first was necessary to good ball playing and the second has been urgent for several years past, during which, owing to the slight interest felt in general athletics, the track was allowed to care for itself. At present portions of it are very slow and decent time in any event impossible.

The decided encouragement thus given the men who can and will run when the track is improved, is very timely and but simple justice when we consider the generous provisions made for foot-ball, base-ball and lacrosse. Now the work of training the new material will be lessened and we may be able to develop runners able to hold their own at New York and Philadelphia.

THE accounts of the lectures delivered before the Bishopthorpe School by our literary professors, appearing in the local dailies, have caused the question to arise, "Why should not we have the benefit of such lectures?" The enthusiastic reception tendered Dr. Coppée's lectures on Shakespeare last year would seem to point to the conclusion that interest in such things was not dead either among our students or in the Bethlehems. These lectures, we think, could be delivered without great inconvenience to the respective members of the Faculty, inasmuch as none of the men in college and a small proportion of the town people have heard the Bishopthorpe lectures, and hence they could be repeated with perfect propriety.

The absence of anything resembling a lecture course here has been deplored and the inauguration of one by the means proposed would be appreciated by all, not only as a pleasant diversion from the daily routine, but also as a mode of imparting general information as advantageous as agreeable.

AN elective course in Spanish is needed. It can be provided at slight expense and inconvenience and would fill a long felt want. Every year witnesses an increased demand for skilled engineers in South America, and the recent reciprocity treaty with Brazil will tend to heighten the influx into that country, not only of American goods but also of Americans themselves. A knowledge of Spanish is an indispensable requisite to all who enter into business relations with the inhabitants, and especially to the engineer, often engaged in construction work, directing a gang of laborers who seldom know a word of English. Most of the larger technical schools recognize this fact and their students, who have determined to win fame and fortune near the equator, are enabled to educate themselves accordingly; but while equipping its graduates admirably in the technical branches of the profession, Lehigh confines them to the study of French or German and by depriving them of

a chance to learn Spanish, almost closes to them the wide fields of livelihood offered by South America. There are some here to-day acquiring outside of the University the knowledge they cannot learn within, and there are many others who would like to follow this example, but are debarred by a lack of both time and money. Cannot the authorities do something for them?

AT the present day a spirit of lethargy seems to pervade most of our college organizations. Every now and then some society is reorganized, an intense interest is taken in its welfare, and its meetings are well attended; but then comes the inevitable reaction and the society exists only in print. The lack of college dormitories may well account for some of the difficulty experienced in this regard (it accounts for too many things), but the real and greatest obstacle lies deeply imbedded in the disposition of every member of the University; and consequently the remedy may be looked for in the same quarter.

The Engineering and Chemical Societies are now under the influence of one of their periodical fits of revival, and it is to be hoped that it will prove a lasting one. There is no reason why they should not have as wide a sphere of usefulness as in their best days, and a return to such a condition of things would be hailed with delight.

As was predicted in these columns some weeks ago, the Mustard and Cheese has been compelled to abandon the idea of presenting a play this year. This is discouraging, for it appears to us that there will never be a better opportunity to revive the custom of the Association's yearly entertainment; at least, the members do not know of what they are capable until they make an attempt, and in the meanwhile they are not only depriving the college of a great deal of enjoyment, but slowing killing what was at one time among Lehigh's most thriving organizations. All this clearly demonstrates that energetic action is most

essential, and we cannot too strongly urge upon every man the necessity of decided animation in regard to any undertaking with which he may be connected.

#### THE GOSSIP.

WHAT strange things one overhears in that time-honored place for the dissemination of fact and rumor, the Janitor's room! It is a congregating place for the chatterboxes of the University, and among the jests, yarns and tales of adventure which make up the major part of the conversation one often picks up curious bits of information. The Gossip was whiling away a vacant hour in the little room the other day when he heard some one remark, "I wonder why they ring the college bell every night?"

The Gossip listened for the answer with interest. That self-same bell had always been more or less of a mystery to him. It rang at the most peculiar times, apparently without rhyme or reason; most frequently in daytime, but then again in the stillness of the night, as if to summon shades of the departed to some uncanny revel within its gloomy belfry. The Gossip listened and he was more than surprised to learn what an important part the old bell had played in the ordering of the University. In the bygone days the sleepy student was ruthlessly awakened at the barbarous hour of half-past six by its clanging, and arose possibly with a muttered imprecation that his dreams had been disturbed. At eight-fifteen then, as now, it sounded summons to prayer; at twelve-thirty again its voice was heard announcing the welcome call to dinner. At half-past five it told the student to run away and play, only to recall him at seven for "study hour;" and at nine it announced that bed-time had come by its monotonous wail of, "turn in, turn in," and woe to the unfortunate whom the vigilant proctor found absent from his room! On Sunday at the call of the bell the University formed in twos and, instructor in front of them, instructor behind them,

marched with slow and stately tread to the Church of the Nativity, where absences were taken and the students slept through the sermon, at least The Gossip supposes they did; that was probably the origin of a custom which The Gossip notes with gladness is on a rapid decline.

And to-day this faithful monitor, oblivious to the changes time has wrought, still tolls forth with brazen voice the hours of "play-time," "study-time" and "bed-time," little knowing that long after its last warning note the love-lorn Junior is taking a final farewell of his beloved one, and that the callow Freshman is still playing pool for drinks.

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The lack of spirited cheering at the Winter Meeting was quite noticeable to those who were present. The Gossip was disappointed to see this and was at a loss to understand why the underclassmen, at any rate, should not have displayed more enthusiasm; especially when he witnessed such a decided victory as was won by the Freshmen. Why was this? Is it because college spirit is dying out among us?

The Gossip thinks that the tug-of-war, now a thing of the past, might have added some to the liveliness of the occasion, but this alone surely would not have caused such a marked difference between the cheering in by-gone days and that on the sixth. It seems to The Gossip that the same is true of all our college gatherings of late, and it is a deplorable state of affairs.

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It is with considerable dissatisfaction that The Gossip has noted of late a growing disrespect of upperclassmen, which is taking hold of the younger members of the University. He refers in particular to the manner in which the Freshmen and Sophomores crowd out of chapel on all occasions. He would impress upon these men that it is a practice which has never been tolerated here, both on account of the confusion caused and the want of respect



which is shown thereby to the Seniors and Juniors.

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The Gossip has heard with pleasure of the trips which the Glee and Banjo and Guitar Clubs are going to take this spring and hopes that they will prove as profitable to the originators as they will be entertaining to the audiences they attract. It is one of The Gossip's greatest sources of rejoicing that Lehigh's fame, in all its phases, is ever becoming more widely spread and he is sure that no better manner of spreading it could be devised than through its musical organizations. The Gossip extends his heartiest congratulations to the manager, whose efforts have been turned in such an eminently proper direction.

#### A RAILWAY TALE.

THE fall term at college had drawn to its close, and the examinations were at last over. My home, in far-off California, was too distant to admit of spending the holidays there, and I had accepted the invitation of my chum, Jack Waldon, to visit him in Chicago. Perhaps those two occasions when I had met Jack's pretty sister made the prospect of the visit all the more pleasant, but at any rate I had accepted, and that dark December afternoon found us whirling westward on the Pennsylvania Limited.

We had tired of our novels and the scenery, and had adjourned to the smoking-car for a quiet chat and a peaceful smoke. In our corner of the car were gathered four or five of those interesting characters one so often meets during a railway journey; evidently men of different types; from different sections of the country; with different views of life; some perhaps of indifferent education. Every one seemed imbued with the holiday spirit, and by the time the dull evening light had given place to the glow of incandescent lamps a little circle of seven had been formed at our end of the car, engaged in a lively conversation. In the course of the next hour or two Jack and I learned

that our little group consisted of a railway official, a man apparently of fifty; a western cattleman; a young Boston physician, who seemed to be very well read and who, as we afterwards discovered, had graduated from Harvard; a mining engineer, also a college graduate, and a lieutenant in the —th U. S. Cavalry. The conversation, at first general, gradually became reminiscent as the evening progressed, and it may have been the presence of Jack and myself that called forth from the mining engineer an incident of his college days.

"It is now some ten years since the experience I am about to relate occurred," said he, "but I shall never get over the peculiar impression it left upon me.

"It happened in the middle of the spring term of my Junior year, that my most intimate friend and classmate had been obliged to leave college on account of ill health, and his room, directly adjoining mine, was taken by a total stranger, a fellow who happened to matriculate for a special course at that time. This new neighbor did not seem to be of the ordinary run of students. He was not young, probably a man of nearly thirty; quiet in the extreme; of limited acquaintance but very studious. His advent at that peculiar time of the year excited no little comment among the boys, and naturally many turned to me for information concerning him, which I might have gathered owing to the proximity of our rooms. But I had little to give them, for at that time I was particularly busy, and the newcomer seeming little inclined to start an acquaintance it was some time before we knew each other except by name. Finally, however, and by the merest chance, an intimacy was formed which soon ripened into the warmest friendship. One afternoon, unable to find a set of instruments usually kept in my table drawer, I decided they had been carelessly left lying around, and determined to enquire of Woodruff if he had seen them. For this purpose I walked over to his room and rapped on the door.

"'Come in,' said he.

"On entering, I was struck with the taste, yet simplicity, characterizing the room; there were scarcely any but the most necessary articles of furniture, but an air of refinement and comfort seemed to pervade it.

"Come in," he repeated; "sit down, if you please. Do you smoke?" At the same time pushing toward me a box of cigars.

"Thank you, no, Woodruff," I replied, "I merely called to ask if you had seen a box of Keuffel & Esser instruments which I have misplaced; I have no intention of disturbing you."

"He had not seen them, but expressed a desire to help me in any way he could in my search, and withal acted very cordially. His frigid air seemed entirely to have disappeared, and for some reason his manner made a profound impression on me, such as one feels when brought into contact with a more powerful mind than one's own. I changed my intention and took a chair, and for an hour or two we sat talking on different subjects; a conversation more to my advantage than his amusement, I imagine, for he was well versed on all the topics of discussion. He seemed somewhat eccentric, to be sure, but without doubt a man of strong intellect.

"After that we were together a great deal, and the more I saw him the more I became impressed with the peculiarity of his disposition. On the campus and in public places he would scarcely recognize me; indeed, often ignored me entirely, apparently absorbed in his own thoughts; but when we were alone, in his room or in mine, his bearing was always the same, warm, cordial, even affectionate. Our college work brought us rarely together, for we were in different departments, but our evenings were invariably spent in each other's company.

"At about this time a great many of the students were complaining of articles of value being stolen from their rooms, and Woodruff and I suffered with the rest. The thefts were always made in the day-time, and no trace of the purloiners could on any occasion be found.

"There were varied theories as to the proba-

ble thieves, the most widely accepted one being that the servants connected with the building had something to do with it; but one after another these explanations were given up. Woodruff and I had long talks in regard to this mystery, but our arguments and theorizing invariably resulted in the conclusion that it was too deep for us.

"Finally, the crime grew to such proportions that we two decided to quietly hire a professional detective from the city. So in a few days the services of a new janitor were obtained (we had confided in the president), who was no other than Thomas Murphy, of a New York detective agency. Well, Woodruff and myself fairly gave up our college duties for a week or more, aiding Murphy in every way we could; and he himself, I actually believe, did not sleep over two hours at a stretch. But it was all of no avail; at the end of two weeks our fine detective returned to his haunts a crestfallen man, and still the thefts went on. Life at the institute became unbearable; some of the fellows had left the dormitory and had taken up quarters in town; others had left college altogether. Woodruff and I were considering the advisability of a change, when I was unexpectedly summoned to the president's office, and there presented to an amiable old gentleman, whose name I forget.

"Mr. —," said the president, "this gentleman, hearing of our troubles, has called to offer us an explanation and a remedy."

"I bowed, and placed myself at his disposal.

"I believe," said he, "that a young gentleman by the name of Woodruff is in your class."

"Yes, sir, an intimate friend of mine."

"Well," he continued, "it is not my intentions to interpose myself between you, nor to break up any friendship you may have formed; but I am sure you will think none the less of your classmate when I tell you who and what he is. I have known John Woodruff from childhood, and he was always a fine boy. He has no family, his father and mother having died before he reached his 'teens, but his

parents' death left him very wealthy. At nineteen he went to college, and four years of overwork seriously affected his brain; so much so that five years ago it was thought best by his friends to place him under my care in the asylum of which I have charge. There his disease took the turn of kleptomania, and he developed a cunning which was truly remarkable. Well, last Fall I released him thoroughly cured, knowing, however, that any brain work would bring a relapse. I had not heard until recently of his whereabouts, but when I heard of the thefts in this institution and learned that John was here I feared I foresaw how the mystery could be explained. You have my story now, the only thing that remains is for me to learn where he has secreted his plunder, and then take him back with me.'

"As may be surmised, this information nearly overcame me, and it was several moments before I recovered my breath sufficiently to answer.

"'Doctor,' I replied, 'I have nothing to say. I merely ask you to follow out your duty as quietly as possible.'

"The doctor bowed, and we both immediately proceeded to Woodruff's room without a word.

"The rest is soon told; but the shock to me had been so great I almost forgot what happened during the next few days. This much I know, that John Woodruff, the maniac, might have been in China for all he ever had to do with us, and certainly John Woodruff his namesake deserved some explanation for having been taken for a thief, however excusable the mistake. Such mistakes are common, but the worthy doctor's embarrassment was not less than my relief.

"To this day the robberies remain a mystery."

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#### LEHIGH CLUB OF PITTSBURG.

**T**WENTY Lehigh men met at the Hotel Anderson in Pittsburg, February 24, to frame the constitution and elect the officers of the Lehigh Club of Pittsburg. C. L. Taylor, '76, was chosen president; H. A. Porterfield, '83, and D. G. Kerr, '84, vice-presidents; F. L. Grammer '89, secretary and treasurer. The executive committee is the president ex-officio as chairman, William Bradford, and H. H. McClintic, '88. As there are between forty and fifty Lehigh men in the vicinity of Pittsburg eligible to membership, as having attended Lehigh one term, the first annual banquet, to be held March 31, will probably be a marked success.

#### INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION OF PENNSYLVANIA.

**T**HE annual business meeting was held at the Continental Hotel, Philadelphia, on the 7th inst., and the following officers elected: R. W. Illingworth, Dickinson, president; P. B. Winfree, Lehigh, vice-president; C. B. Ketcham, Swarthmore, secretary and H. W. Chamberlain, Lafayette, treasurer. F. R. Coates of Lehigh is chairman of the executive committee, whose additional members are F. H. Lee, of the University of Pennsylvania, J. H. Hutchinson, of Swarthmore, and M. P. Collins, of Haverford.

The athletic meeting will be held in Philadelphia, May 23rd; all entries must be sent in before 6 P. M., May 1st, and all protests filed before May 16th. Upon the programme will appear a picture of a representative athlete of each college belonging to the association.

#### THE CHEMICAL SOCIETY.

**A** WELL attended meeting was held on March 9th for the transaction of current business and election of officers.

The following Juniors were taken in: Messrs. Barrell, Bassell, G. P. Case, C. M. Case, Denman, Dodge, DuBois, Engel, Jessup, Jones, McClung, Orth, Ozias, Semper, Semple, Weida and Wittman.



The officers for the ensuing year are: W. H. Chandler, Ph. D., president; H. K. Landis, '90, vice-president; L. H. Ely, '91, secretary; A. E. Juhler, '91, treasurer; J. Y. Bassell, '92, librarian; A. E. Jessup, '92, curator.

#### THE WINTER MEETING.

THE Athletic Association held their annual indoor meeting in the Gymnasium on the evening of Friday, the 6th. Nearly all the events were contested closely, this being especially the case in the fencing and tumbling. The gymnasium, however, was poorly lighted, handicapping to some extent the contestants in jumping and club swinging. The music rendered by the University Orchestra added much to the entertainment. The prizes were the usual gold medals for firsts, and silver for seconds, no banner for class championship being offered.

The officers were: Referee, C. F. Seely; judges, W. H. Weiss, R. M. Wilcox, G. M. Richardson; judge of fencing, Fonger De Haan; measurers, Delevan Emery and F. R. Coates; ushers, J. F. Hoover, Elias Vander Horst and H. M. Knapp.

The following is a summary of the events:

*Exhibition in Club Swinging*—F. C. Mathewson, '94.

*Horizontal Bar*—P. B. Winfree, '91, first; E. A. Schuman, '94, second.

*Spring-board Jump*—L. W. Walker, '92, first, height, 7 ft. 8 in.; Alban Eavenson, '91, second.

*Swinging Rings*—P. B. Winfree, '91, first; C. T. Mosman, '92 and Thanlow Gjertsen, '92, seconds.

*Tumbling*—G. H. Moorhead, '94, first; Bayly Hipkins, '94, second.

*Parallel Bars*—E. A. Schuman, '94, first; W. R. Steinmetz, '93, second.

*Running High Kick*—John Denman, jr., '94, first, height, 8 ft. 8 in.; Alban Eavenson, '91, second.

*Standing High Jump*—John Denman, jr., '94, first, height, 4 ft. 6¾ in.; Alban Eavenson, '91, second.

*Running High Jump*—L. W. Walker, '92, first, height, 5 ft. 2 in.; J. M. Van Cleve, '94, second.

*Fencing*—R. C. Warriner, '94, first; P. T. Lovering, '94, second.

*Sparring*—J. M. Van Cleve, '94, winner, against F. A. Coleman, '92.

*Wrestling*—E. P. Van Mater, '94, winner, against R. F. Gadd, '93.

#### SENIOR APPOINTMENTS.

THE following members of the Senior Class have been chosen by the Faculty to deliver orations on University Day, June 17, the appointments being made on a basis of scholarship: Walton Forstall, Chicago, Ill.; William Sidney Topping, Sagaponack, N. Y.; \*George Edward Wendle, Philadelphia, Pa.; William Albert Heindle, Baltimore, Md.; Harry Timothy Morris, Pottsville, Pa.; John Stilwell Griggs, New Haven, Conn.; Eric Doolittle, Bethlehem, Pa.; James Stevens Bush Hollinshead, Dayton, O.; \*Edwin Addams Quier, Reading, Pa.; Charles McKnight Leoser, jr., New York, N. Y.; Ira Augustus Shimer, Redington, Pa., and \*Frank Anderson Merrick, New Hope, Pa. Mr. Forstall will be the valedictorian and Mr. Topping the salutatorian.

\*Excused from speaking.

#### CALENDAR.

March 22.—Meeting of the Christian Association in the Gymnasium, at 6.30 p.m.

March 25.—Easter holidays begin at 11.30 a.m.

March 31.—Easter holidays close at 8.15 a.m. Baseball: South Bethlehem Athletic Club, on the Athletic Grounds.

April 1.—Base-ball: Philadelphia National League, at Philadelphia.

April 4.—Base-ball: Williams, on the Athletic Grounds. Meeting of the Classical Club in Dr. Hyde's study, at 7.30 p.m.

'88.—Adolph T. Bruegel, M.E., is instructor in Mathematics and Mechanical Drawing at the Cogswell Polytechnic College, San Francisco, Cal. His address is Cor. 26th and Folsom Streets.

## COMMUNICATIONS.

[The editors are not responsible for any opinions expressed in this column. No anonymous communications published.]

**EDITORS LEHIGH BURR:**—The editorial in the last number of *THE BURR*, suggesting the change from two issues a month to three, is one which should call forth, without delay, the sentiments of the college. The change should be made with the incoming of the new editors. Class meetings should be held within a few days, the subject thoroughly discussed, and the results of these discussions forwarded to the Board by the respective class secretaries.

In my opinion the change would be one whose beneficial effect would fully equal its importance. It is quite true that college news is generally disseminated before *THE BURR* is published. We learn it from gossip, from the papers, and from the bulletin boards. Why not learn it from our college paper? An issue every ten days would be a step nearer the desired end, though it is to be hoped that the day is not far distant when *THE BURR* will be made a weekly. Again, the more often a college paper is published the more important a factor does it become in college life; and a college paper at Lehigh, being the only universal means of making suggestions, or presenting criticisms, to the student body, should be an important factor. Again, the more often *THE BURR* is published the more demand will there be for material with which to fill its columns, and the more inducements offered to awaken the dormant literary spirit of the college. That the spirit exists I have not the slightest doubt; but that it is dormant is a fact both deplorable and disgraceful.

It is to be hoped that the Board will find it both possible and advisable to take the proposed step, and that the undergraduates, as well as the alumni, will assure them of its success. V.

**EDITORS LEHIGH BURR:**—After a long period of inactivity, the Engineering Society has been rejuvenated and will continue to hold regular meetings. Owing to very bad

management on the part of last year's officers, the finances were left in such a condition that the present Senior Class did not deem it advisable to continue the society and hence the regular meetings were not held. Mr. Merkle by strenuous efforts has reduced more than one-half the debt of the society, originally several hundred dollars, by collecting bills due the society which, owing to neglect on the part of the business manager, were not collected at the proper time. The indebtedness can be further reduced by the sale of valuable exchanges, periodicals and journals in the possession of the society, leaving a very small amount due the Times Publishing Company, which should be paid by personal subscriptions of the members before this college term closes.

At a meeting held on the 13th Mr. C. E. Coxe, '90, was elected president, minor business was transacted, and the society resolved to invite the Junior Class to interest themselves in the matter. Heretofore the meetings have not been well attended, and it is to be hoped that the officers will make them as interesting as instructive. Two hours spent in this manner will never be regretted by any student in technology.

As the Senior Class will have charge of the affairs for only three months, it is necessary that the Juniors lend a helping hand, and by united action the society can be placed upon such firm ground that it will progress instead of retrograde as it has before. The lack of scientific societies at Lehigh is deplorable, as the fame of an institution is spread abroad as much through its organizations and journals as through the men who leave its walls. The professors and instructors are greatly interested in the success of the society and promise to furnish papers, advice and so forth, consequently the meetings will be all that could be desired if the men of the upper classes do their share. It is earnestly urged that the Juniors attend, in order that next year the society will flourish as never before.

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## DE ALUMNIS.

(Contributions to this Department solicited.)

'71.—Henry S. Drinker, E.M., is general solicitor for the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company, at 228 South Third Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

'75.—Charles J. Bechdolt, C.E., is assistant engineer on the New York Division of the Pennsylvania Railroad, Jersey City, N. J.

'81.—Thomas M. Eynon, Jr., M.E., is with L. Schutte & Co., manufacturers of steam apparatus, Twelfth and Thompson Streets, Philadelphia, Pa.

'83.—Jesse W. Reno, E.M., is located in Leadville, Col., as Mining Engineer and Metallurgist. Address: Box 733.

'83.—William T. Goodnow, C.E., is general manager of the Lebanon Electric Light and Ice Company, Lebanon, Ky.

## EDITOR'S TABLE.

“**B**LOW, ye winds, and crack your cheeks.” What a terrible night! And yet the Editor as he sat at his table was wreathed in smiles. “What forethought,” he said to the Poet, who was gazing intently at the ceiling. “I have it all written, was just waiting for this weather to come; they don’t often fool me, do they?” “Hey,” said the Poet coming out of his reverie, “why yes, of course, certainly, good joke, ha, ha, ha!” “Fiddlesticks,” said the Editor snappishly; “who said anything about a good joke? I was just saying that I had an Editor’s Table all written and was just waiting for this weather to come.” “What has the weather to do with it?” ventured the Poet. “That’s just like you,” remarked the Editor. “It’s written about the weather, that’s all.” “Seems to me you always write on the weather when you can’t think of anything else,” said the Poet. “Why don’t you try something else—the glorious future of the African heathen or the igloos of the Innuits, for instance? It would be a change.” “Yes?” snarled the Editor, “I’m glad you think so. You’re always so affable and pleas-

ant.” “I try to be,” said the Poet modestly. “Oh! you do, do you? Well you’re a howling success. I was going to read it to you, but I perceive you are busy. I wouldn’t interrupt your flow of thought for worlds,” said the Editor viciously, looking significantly at the blank sheet of paper before the Poet. “Oh, come now,” remarked the Poet good-naturedly, “there you go again; let’s hear the famous Editor’s Table by all means. I am all attention,” and he put his feet on the table and lit another cigarette.

“All right,” said the Editor, somewhat mollified, “I’ll read it to you,” and he opened the drawer in front of him. “Humph! confound it! Where on earth—well I’ll be—” said the Editor as he tossed the papers out of the drawer. “Why ————.” “Stop!” yelled the Poet. “What in the name of common sense is the matter?” “Matter!” the Editor broke out; “why the matter is lost, ————.” “Stop, stop, I tell you,” said the Poet frantically, “use French, the landlady can’t understand that.” “L’execrable document, c’est perdu, sacre, parbleu, donner wetter, sacre bleu, domelich, damn.” “There,” said the Editor, “I feel relieved.” “I don’t see why you should,” said the Poet sentiently; “think how many black marks have been recorded against you in the last minute.”

The Editor was a little abashed. “What am I going to do for a table now?” he said abruptly. “Write another,” said the Poet. “What was the style of this one?” “Just suited to the weather,” said the Editor; “all about the blustering winds and the rain beating against the pane and how within all is comfortable and cozy, the lamp shedding its mild rays upon a pile of exchanges and an editor in an easy chair indolently blowing rings of smoke and watching them dreamily as they float upward through the perfume laden atmosphere and”—“Yes,” said the Poet sadly, “I know all about it, I’m glad you lost it, such twaddle makes me ill, it’s all cut and dried, so much per yard, there’s no poetry in



it." "Well what would you write about then?" said the Editor with considerable feeling. "Oh, something of interest to somebody. About the balmy airs of spring, about the tender buds just bursting into bloom, the misty, hazy atmosphere, the delicious, intoxicating odors of the pleasant woods, the musical twittering of the birds, the drowsy hum of the insects, the"—"Yes, I suppose you would write some such nonsense if you got the chance," said the Editor; "you make me tired." "Well," said the Poet, "if you don't like it"—"Shut up," snapped the Editor—"You know what"—"Will you shut up?" repeated the Editor with a gleam in his eye. The Poet "shut up" and a depressing silence fell on the sanctum with a dull thud.

#### KERNELS.

—Dr. Lamberton, will return about April 11th.

—J. B. Cullum, and T. S. Leoser, '90, were in town the other day.

—J. S. Kellogg, '89, recently visited his fraternity men at the Chi Phi house.

—Richard Harding Davis, ex-'86, will contribute to the next issue of the *Quarterly*.

—Professor Hyde, was recently prevented from meeting his classes on account of sickness.

—Bishop Rulison preached, and administered the Holy Communion at the Chapel, Sunday, March 8th.

—D. G. Hearne, '90, has returned to college to take a post-graduate course in mechanical engineering.

—J. W. DeMoyer, Ralph Goodman and F. E. Fisher, all of '90, were in Bethlehem for a brief visit last week.

—The Junior Chemists, Miners, Metallurgists and Mechanicals will be examined in General Metallurgy tomorrow.

—The Bishopthorpe School has recently had the pleasure of listening to a lecture from Professor Hyde on "Ancient Rome".

—Prof. Robinson recently addressed the Bishopthorpe School on the "Education of Grecian Children in Homer's time."

—The \$150 received from the Intercollegiate Athletic Association will be devoted exclusively to the needs of the Athletic Team.

—The Rev. C. Kinloch Nelson, Rector of the Church of the Nativity, lectured to the Senior Class in Christian Evidences, last Tuesday.

—At the meeting of Tau Beta Pi held Tuesday evening, March 17th, W. A. Heindle, '91, read an interesting paper entitled "Points on Some Remarkable Bridges."

—W. S. Merrill, W. H. Miller, and Aubrey Weymouth have been chosen by the Freshman Class to compete for positions on THE BURR Board.

—John Sharon, formerly a pitcher for the Elmiras, and who has signed this year with the Bradfords, has arrived to train the nine. He will remain here at least until April 15th, and if desired may stay a month later.

—The University has been presented with a copy of the plans for the extension of the White House, by Frederick D. Owen, '77. The drawings were made by Mr. Owen at Mrs. Harrison's request.

—The change made by Dr. Worcester in preaching from the lectern instead of from the pulpit is an agreeable one. The speaker is thus not forced to talk to the backs of half his congregation, which is an advantage both to preacher and listeners.

—Mr. E. A. Congdon, instructor in qualitative analysis, has accepted the professorship of chemistry in the Drexel Institute in Philadelphia. Mr. Congdon has charge of the building of the new laboratory and is drawing the plans for the same. He will remain here until June.

—At the meeting of the Classical Club, held Saturday evening, March 7th, a paper was read by Meade, '92, on "The Grecian Marriage Customs," and one by Ashmead, '92, on "The Child Life of the Greeks." Professor Robinson made some interesting remarks on the "Constitutions of Aristotle," the manuscript of which has lately been discovered.

—Mr. C. W. Hudson, accompanied by J. T. Hoover, '91, made an architectural visit to New York City, February 28th. The principal buildings seen were the Equitable, Western Union, World, Madison Square Theatre, and the train sheds at the Grand Central Depot. At the Equitable building, fire proof flooring and a safe deposit vault were being put in. Through the kindness of W. H. Hubbard, '88, Elect., the system of electric lighting and rotary ventilating fans were inspected.

## COLLEGE NOTES.

—The Cornell Senior Class has decided to give \$500 as a class memorial, the interest of which is to be given annually as a prize for an oration on American history.

—American Universities derive two-fifths of their income from students, while English Universities receive only one-tenth of their income from the same source.

—The executors of the Fayerweather will say that it will be at least two, and possibly ten years before the bequests made by the will can be paid.

—Resolutions signed by 1,360 members of the University of Cambridge protest against any movement toward the admission of women to membership and degrees in the University.

—It is a known fact among French educators that the first Napoleon borrowed the plan of the University of Paris from that just completed for the University of New York by Alexander Hamilton.

—Vassar College has settled with the next of kin of John Guy Vassar by paying to them \$146,000 out of the \$650,000 bequeathed to the college by Mr. Vassar. There were eighteen next of kin, each receiving about \$8000 by the settlement.

—A scientific expedition to Labrador will set out from Bowdoin College next June. Facts will be sought regarding the mollusks of this region, its fossils, the habits of migratory birds, etc. The trip will be in a 100-ton schooner, and occupy three months.

—The Columbia College Dramatic Club is now enjoying pleasant and commodious club rooms in a building on Fifth Avenue. The Club will revive "William Penn" at Easter and will also produce a new comic opera. Four performances will be given for the benefit of the Columbia College Athletic Union. At a benefit to take place at the Casino, March 17th, the first act of "Lafayette" will be given, and Sarah Bernhardt and the Casino Company will also take part.

## ATHLETIC NOTES.

—The Princeton nine will go to the training table after the Easter vacation.

—The Oxford-Cambridge boat race will take place on the Thames, to-morrow.

—Japan has a base-ball nine composed of Yale, Harvard, Princeton, Columbia, and University of Virginia men.

—W. H. Hansell, has been elected manager of the University of Pennsylvania Lacrosse team, and C. H. Weber, captain.

—H. C. Lamar, who made the winning run in the Yale-Princeton game of 1885, was drowned at Augusta, Ga., last week.

—Ralph H. Warren, '93, has been elected captain of the Princeton eleven, in place of Jesse B. Riggs, '92, who has left college.

—The Manhattan Athletic Club has leased the Polo Grounds for one year. The name will probably be changed to the Manhattan Oval.

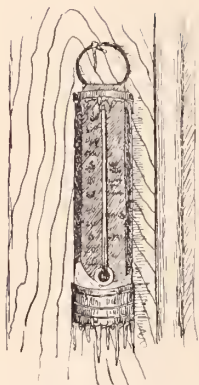
—The University of Pennsylvania holds the championship in foot-ball of Pennsylvania, Harvard of Massachusetts, Princeton of New Jersey, Union of New York, University of Virginia, of the South.

—At a meeting of the advisory committee of the Intercollegiate Foot-Ball Association, held in New York two weeks ago, amendments to the rules were suggested, as follows:

That after a try for goal the ball be made dead, thus preventing an intentional miss in kicking a goal, with a view to scoring another touch-down; that some further action be taken to prevent men locking arms in the formation of the wedge; and that when the referee has inflicted the penalty of giving five yards, the count of the downs shall be recommenced—that is, the next attempt to advance shall be considered the first down.

These proposed changes will be acted upon at the meeting of the Intercollegiate Association in May.

## SOME NOTED SAYINGS.



"Seemly zero."



"Origin of moments."



"Known to the ancients."

## CLIPPINGS.

YE THREE GLADDE THYNGES.

OF gladde thynges, two there be,—  
Ay three!

Ye Wine we, singing,

Sip;

A Maide's redde Lip;

Ye Musick, sweetlie ringing,

To which gaye Dancers trip.

Of sadde thynges, too, there be—  
Just three!

Ye Ache of Swelling

Crowne;

A darke Eye's Frowne;

And vain Regrets, upwelling,

Which Singing will not drowne.

—*Trinity Tablet.*

## HOME RULE.

BEFORE we were married, my Bessie and I,  
I thought I had reached to the summit of bliss,  
When, roguishly smiling, she'd say on the sly,  
"We've quarreled enough, now give me a kiss."

But now we are married, it's different quite,

For almost each day there's some little slip,  
And thus she will bring to an end every fight,

"We've quarreled enough, now none of your lip!"

—*Brunonian.*

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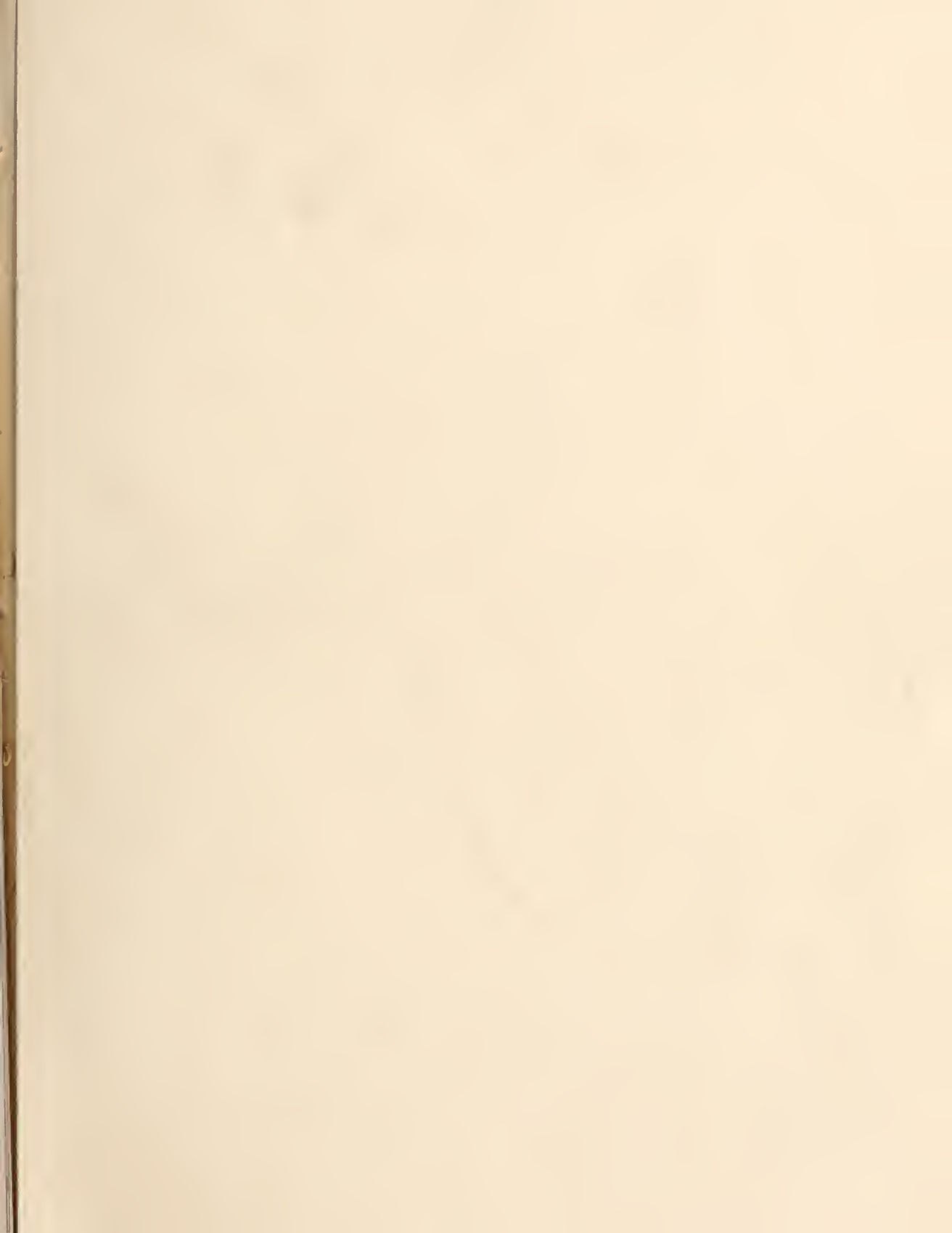
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